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Sexual assault dismissed by police and university

by Dawn Mitchell

HALIFAX (CUP) — The RCMP charged a woman attending a Nova Scotia university with mischief after she reported a sexual assault.

A statement by the woman, a student at the University College of Cape Breton, condemns the officer who heard her complaint about three men who had sexually assaulted her.

"I am greatly concerned about the conduct of the RCMP and in particular the conduct of one officer," she says in the statement.

The woman was questioned extensively by police on two occasions after she reported she was raped in a campus residence in September.

Police charged the woman with mischief after she changed her statement during her second interview with police officers. The charges of mischief were later dropped for lack of evidence.

The woman said the officer who conducted the second interview repeatedly told her she had not been sexually assaulted.

"He used words like 'baloney' and 'bull' when I tried to explain what happened," she said.

The woman said the officer also fingerprinted and photographed her, and implied she was carrying drugs in her purse.

"He threatened to humiliate me further if I did not cooperate by changing my story," she said.

RCMP superintendent George

Timko said an internal investigation will follow a review of the criminal charges. "We want to determine that every aspect of the case has been addressed and that nothing was overlooked during the initial investigation."

The woman's lawyer said her assailants may be charged if the new investigation determines the evidence supports the woman's story. The woman said she wants the men expelled from the university.

"I believe their continued presence on the campus, while I have been absent from the university, sends very negative messages to other students and to the community at large," her statement said.

But Peter Hill, president of the

University College of Cape Breton, told reporters that the student had asked the men for sex.

The woman said in response, "It was in my opinion unfair of President Hill to release a version of the incident which casts doubt on my character and integrity and plays down the seriousness of the incident as an assault."

"I note that Dr. Hill has spoken to the three perpetrators, but has never spoken directly to me," she said.

Hill said he was advised the university could not take action against the men. But a second legal opinion said the men could be brought before a university judicial committee if criminal charges are not laid against them.

The committee — composed of students, faculty and administrators — hears cases of a non-academic nature, and can recommend penalties ranging from fines to expulsion. However, the university president makes the final decision.

Hill said he is waiting for the outcome of the new investigation before deciding on a course of action.

Laurie Barratt, another student from the university, said the case will prevent women from coming forward to report rape and sexual assault. "This would confirm my fears that sexism is alive and well and when a woman is violated, it's her fault and that upsets me to no end."

Report finds daycare facilities inadequate



by Clare Sims

The absence of accessible daycare facilities seriously disadvantages students and faculty with young children, says a recent survey at Concordia University.

"Eighty-one per cent of those who filled out the questionnaire feel they are unable to increase their course load or continue their education at the graduate level, because adequate childcare is unavailable," wrote Katja Macleod and Sara Morley in their final report.

The questionnaires were circulated last spring by the Permanent Review Committee on the Status of Women in the Faculty of Fine Arts.

"Daycare is not an easy, readily available option. You could be on a waiting list for years," said Macleod.

There is already a 30 person waiting list for eight positions open next September at Concordia daycare. At McGill's daycare facility, 106 children are currently enrolled, and 150 others have signed their names to a waiting list.

Those who meet all the eligibility requirements and survive the waiting lists often discover that daycare programs fail to meet

their individual needs.

Sheila Lanthier-O'Connor is a part-time teacher, for whom university child-care was not an option.

"The Concordia daycare will take part-time kids only on three consecutive days of the week," said Lanthier-O'Connor. "What about part-time teachers with Tuesday/Thursday classes?"

"A whole week is a lot of money, even with government subsidies," she added. "As far as part-time faculty are concerned, it's basically pointless."

It costs \$390 a month for a child to attend Concordia's daycare facility, and \$435 a month at McGill.

Applicants face similar difficulties at McGill. In order to be considered for an opening at McGill's daycare, applicants must be able to prove that they will be working or studying full-time at the university. Children must be enrolled on a full-time basis.

Marilyn Newman, coordinator at the McGill daycare, explains: "I don't believe in drop-in daycare. It may be a need for some parents, but it certainly doesn't provide quality care for the children."

"Continuity, the establishment of a peer-group; these things are key to young children,"

Proper police procedure not followed, inquest reveals

by Michael Newman

Testimony heard at the coroner's inquest into the shooting death of Marcellus François has raised questions about the lack of official procedures governing police conduct.

The inquest revealed Wednesday that the man who shot François was not following police procedure.

Sergeant Michel Tremblay, a 14-year veteran of the Montréal Urban Community police force, testified that he thought François was reaching for a gun. But he said that holding his fire until he actually saw "the muzzle of a gun," would have meant waiting too long.

Tremblay shot François after mistakenly identifying him as attempted murder suspect Kirk Haywood, who was believed to be armed with a sawed-off 12-gauge shotgun.

Leaders of Montréal's black community say Tremblay's testimony proves that police procedure for dealing with such incidents is unclear.

Leith Hamilton, of the Black Community Coalition of Québec, said the police's use of deadly force is the key issue in Tremblay's testimony.

"They should take all precautions before using their guns," said Hamilton. "I fail to see where Tremblay was aware of the policy."

Hamilton said the coroner's report will show either that Tremblay was not following police procedure or that the procedure is deficient. "The muzzle thing is silly. In other parts of Canada and the U.S., this is forbidden," he said.

Tremblay testified Wednesday he saw the man in the passenger seat of the car reach forward to the floor and then raise his hands

said Newman.

Nonetheless, respondents to the Concordia's survey cried out for alternative daycare options. The survey asked respondents not currently using daycare to explain their reasons. Thirty-one per cent replied that the hours compatible with their needs, and 21 per cent said the expense was too great.

Macleod and Morley made various recommendations on the basis of the survey's findings. These included a proposal for ex-

tended daycare hours, the creation of a co-operatively managed drop-in facility, and the designation of a space on campus to be used specifically by parents and their children.

towards police. Tremblay then shot François in the head. Police later discovered François was not armed.

"It shows how callous and irresponsible the police are," said Black Coalition of Québec director Dan Phillips. "Tremblay said it was not even his responsibility to find out if François was the right person. It seemed to be the objective of the police to kill the guy."

Phillips said some Montréal Urban Community police follow guidelines adopted from an American publication entitled "Street Survival." He described the book as demonstrating "some of the most racist attitudes in the U.S."

"The police don't follow any official police guidelines, they have their own 'Street Survival' for dealing with black people," said Phillips.

Hamilton said one of the black community's main objectives in this inquest is to show that the courts should decide if police are negligent. The decision to press charges, he said, should not be left to individual provincial ministers.

"Blacks in Canada are less protected than in the States," said Hamilton. "When blacks in Montréal are shot, no charges are laid. But in the States, because of civil rights legislation, charges are laid in similar cases."

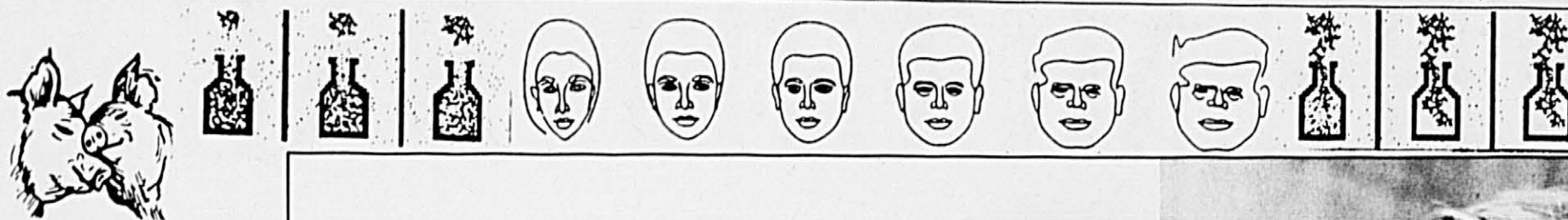
Phillips said, "We know that police procedure is rotten. We thought that after the shooting of Anthony Griffin and Presley Leslie that we would have a procedure."

Griffin and Leslie were two blacks killed in peculiar circumstances by police.

The coroner's inquest continues after hearing 11 days of testimony. The inquest's power is limited to recommendations to the Justice Ministry.

Macleod said she hoped the concerns expressed in the Concordia survey would continue to be expressed. "I don't see this as a Fine Arts problem or as a Concordia problem."

"Across the board, there's not enough daycare. Other options have got to be created."



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AIDS policy not necessary, says McGill

by Jon Desbarats

McGill University is uninterested in developing an official AIDS policy, say members of a campus Task Force on AIDS.

"It's hypocritical to have an AIDS research centre, obtaining millions of dollars per annum in research money, and not have any policy for yourself," said Robert Head, president and founder of LAGEM (Lesbian and Gay Employees of McGill).

A preliminary report presented last year to the administration has received no affirmative response from the university, said Head.

The report raises questions on issues such as HIV-related discrimination involving faculty and students.

But some members of the McGill administration believe an official policy is not even necessary for dealing with discrimination problems.

"In a case of discrimination we would react appropriately. I don't feel there is any reason for an official policy," said Jacques Sztuke, assistant director of staff relations at McGill.

Margaret Somerville, director of McGill's Centre on Medicine, Ethics, and Law said she has not heard of any case of discrimination so far.

"I have not had any case brought to me where there have been allegations of wrongful treatment," she said.

The report was completed by the McGill Community AIDS Task Force (MCATF), consisting of student and faculty associations. The Task Force's report suggested the

administration hire a "university resource person that students and faculty could refer to in confidence" on HIV-related issues. It also recommended a fund be created to increase AIDS-HIV awareness on campus.

But the report has raised objections from administration members that AIDS should not be given special status over other diseases.

"Treating AIDS differently sets a precedent that allows you to treat certain diseases worse than others," said Somerville. "We don't have a policy for heart attacks and cancer."

The MCATF was founded in the fall of 1990 with the intention of investigating conditions for AIDS patients in the McGill community.

The MCATF also recommended an official policy was needed to ensure the anonymity of patients, provide counselling services, and make provisions for the harassment of HIV-patients.

Somerville did not seem concerned that other universities in the city, such as Concordia, have adopted official AIDS policies. She said it wasn't right.

Head said the administration is short on ethical behaviour as well as an official AIDS policy. "They don't have a moral or ethical fiber in their administrative body," he said.

Members of the MCATF include representatives from Students' Society and the Post-Graduate Students' Society. Former administration member George Homsy acted as an "observer" in the MCATF's investigation.

Universities must perform for gov't cash

by Ita Kendall

MONTREAL (CUP) —

The Québec government may introduce "performance" as a criterion for funding universities as soon as next year. Student leaders have criticized the performance criterion for being elitist.

The government is studying performance-based criteria to divide funding between the province's universities, said Science and Higher Education minister Lucienne Robillard last week in an interview with *Le Devoir*.

She said performance "indicators" for universities are unknown at the moment, but are presently being developed.

The minister said that universities with a high proportion of employed graduates could be an indicator to judge a university's "performance" for extra funding.

Québec universities presently receive government funding through a complex formula using the number of students and professors' wages as factors. Robillard's proposal would make performance

another factor into the formula.

Julie Gervais, of l'Association Nationale des Etudiantes et Etudiants du Québec (ANEEQ), Québec oldest student association, said she opposes funding universities by performance.

Judging by performance will force universities to compete for research dollars, and force professors to do work which can generate contracts and reputation, she said. Younger universities will be espe-

cially hard-hit, as they scramble to compete with more reputable institutions, she said.

Also, students will have less alternatives as courses are rationalized by the performance standard, she said.

"Students must be free to choose

fees in CEGEPs and place universities on the way towards removing tuitions," said Gervais.

Québec students faced yearly \$350 tuition fee increases since 1990, when the Liberal government lifted a 20-year freeze on fee increases. Debate is heating up between rival



Eleanor Brown, copresident of CUSA.

Concordia workers to join Québec union

by Eugenia Xenos

MONTREAL (CUP) —

Employees of Concordia's student association are joining one of the largest labour organizations in Québec, the 166 000-member Confédération des Syndicats Nationaux (CSN).

The employees are unhappy with working conditions at the Concordia University Students' Association (CUSA), said Lana Grimes, one of the union organizers and also the VP-Liaison of CUSA.

"This year's co-presidents are sympathetic to their employees,"

said Grimes. "But this year's management is not necessarily next year's management."

She said the union will provide job security for employees who remain from year to year. Affected are up to 60 full-time and part-time employees of CUSA and employees of Cusacorp, which runs a campus snack bar, Mugshots, and the student pubs, Reggie's and the Dive.

Grimes added that benefits may include better wages and a dental plan. Mike Ryan, an employee of the CUSA job bank who is also helping to organize the union, said

their fields of study based on interest not economics."

Gervais and other ANEEQ leaders met with Robillard last week and laid out ANEEQ's opposition to tuition fees. "We want the minister to state clearly a position against

student associations on whether fee increases should be imposed next year.

"We don't know what the percentage of the increase will be yet, but it will be linked to the rate of inflation," said Pierre Villeneuve, Robillard's press officer.

He said a formula will be ready by December. Gervais said ANEEQ supports free education at the CEGEP and university levels. But Robillard's response to future reductions or elimination of tuition fees was a "categorical no."

Québec's other student association, the Fédération Etudiante Universitaire de Québec (FEUQ), supports the government's plan to increase tuition fees. McGill joined

workplace problems include a lack of fixed job descriptions and poor wages. He said joining the CSN will "put a wall behind the employee's backs."

Grimes said, "The decision was a logical step, and it sends a signal to CUSA and Cusacorp that the workers are employees and not just students. They want to be taken seriously."

Ryan said the workers filed with the Commission de travail yesterday, and are now waiting for official recognition of their union. Applications for union accreditation normally take between six and eight weeks to be processed.

A CSN official declined to comment, saying she would prefer to wait until the group is accredited.

Ryan said he did not encounter anyone strongly opposed to joining a union when he spoke to his co-workers, but there were some people who chose not to sign for other reasons.

He cited the example of a student who was leaving in a month and did not see any point in joining. Ryan said the group will have about a 90 per cent membership.

Phil Banks, a part-time worker at Mugshots, said he's not against joining the CSN, but "I would not have considered it for myself."

But unions can "come in handy" when there are conflicts between management and employees, he said, and a unified body can better protect employee rights.

CUSA co-president Charlene Nero declined to comment.

Concordia's student association is not the first to have unionized employees. Dorothy Beggs, a researcher at the Canadian Union of Public Employees, said up to 20 other universities in Canada have the same arrangement.

These include Carleton University, the University of Western Ontario, the University of Toronto, the University of Regina, the University of Alberta and Vancouver's Simon Fraser University.

In Québec, some francophone universities and CEGEPs have on-campus groups — such as cooperatives — whose employees belong to CSN unions.

Ryan said employees will pay up to 2 per cent of their gross salary in union dues. "I don't know why people didn't unionize in the past. We don't know who's coming in next year and may clean house."

FEUQ in a referendum held last year. Gervais also asked Robillard about a government study recommending tuition fees for CEGEP students studying longer than three years. CEGEPs are presently free for full-time students.

Robillard said the CEGEP proposal was being discussed. Gervais was not impressed. "There are fees for adult education, for part-time and summer students. It's only full time student who don't pay fees," he said.

"Students don't study part-time for pleasure. Seventy per cent of CEGEP students work while many others study at a slower pace by taking fewer courses so they can do well. Students should not be penalized for that."



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COMMENT

To Russia with love

Ukraine, my country, is mobilizing an army. I read with fear and some pride the news that the parliament of Ukraine moved last week toward full independence from the Soviet Union by voting to create a 450 000-member armed forces.

I am afraid because a war seems likely in my country again. Ukraine declared its independence from the Soviet Union in August, in the wake of the failed coup by one band of Soviet Emperors against a rival band.

Now, it seems, a third series of Emperors has seized the day. Boris Yeltsin, their leader, shocked many of us when he said he will not accept an independent Ukraine with its current borders. It appears that the enormous expanse which is the Russian Republic today is not quite enough for Boris's imperial needs.

Secessionist wars have already rocked Azerbaijan, Armenia and the Transcaucasus, long before the current war between Serbia and Croatia. These conflicts seem like a pee shoot compared to the war which may soon envelop Ukraine, a country with 52 million people, 20 per cent of whom are Russians. One million Soviet soldiers are at this moment on Ukrainian sovereign territory ready to enforce Yeltsin's vision — along with thousands of Russian-controlled nuclear weapons.

This imperialist Boris Yeltsin, I find it peculiar that the Western media describes him as the leader of the "democratic forces." He so bravely flung taunts at the coup leaders in August, and stood upon a tank.

But even in his own Russia, it is well known that the man is a dog. Shortly after the coup, Yeltsin abolished the democratically elected Congress of Peoples' Deputies, stripped the social-democratically minded Moscow city council of its powers, and is now quickly turning the KGB into his own personal police force. Yeltsin is widely known as the Pinochet of the Soviet Union, because of his fondness for American free market mysticism.

I was very worried when I read of our new army, but I was deeply moved as well.

My country has been under almost continuous foreign occupation for three centuries. We suffered six million killed when Stalin collectivized the Ukrainian peasantry. Another 10 million were killed during the Nazi invasion. My mother was sent as a child to a labour camp near Berlin.

I support the military aspect of the struggle for independence in my country, even though I oppose many of the political and economic policies of the current government.

I have noticed, for one thing, that the current government of Ukraine often says it is acting in the name of the Ukrainian people; in fact it is often acting only in the narrow interests of a small autocratic class — the upper ranks of the Ukrainian state bureaucracy. The government of Ukraine also has contributed a lot to the oppression of minority peoples within the country. The status of women is horrible.

I think Ukrainians can't solve problems in our country, however, until the Soviet troops have gone. I hope our soldiers aim well.

Alex Roslin



LETTERS

assaults have time after time been brushed aside or concurrently brushed out; victims have of necessity been driven underground or have found support in nonprofit or volunteer women's organizations. Obviously, this is an unfortunate but indicative construction that speaks powerfully of our cultural priorities. And, we want these priorities changed.

We do not want sexual assault to be an issue that evokes only the response of women's groups when the nearly ubiquitous threat of attack ought to

concern everyone. At the same time, we don't want to have to wait for everyone to get concerned while some other woman is assaulted. So we respond demanding both an immediate civic reaction and a more deeply embedded shifting of cultural awareness and priorities. The march similarly was a struggle for both of these things, and within the demonstration itself there is by its very incidence an expression of their possibility. And men marched last Tuesday.

Not just "several males," but twenty

or thirty men. It's not a lot, and it's certainly not enough; but to disparage their presence is to disparage the demonstration itself. Response to women's threatened safety has predominantly been the response of women; on the level demanding civic response, the presence of a few men has very little importance or weight. But on the level demanding an increased awareness and sensitivity for human issues as they are excruciatingly experienced by women, or by men, the

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HYDE PARK

Save someone's life

— opinion by Cynthia Benjamin

To those of who gave, I thank you. To those of you who didn't, I implore you: tell me why?

McGill's fall blood drive took place from October 7 to 11 and its goal was to collect 3000 pints of blood. Only 1874 pints were received. Please, tell me why?

It's probably *not* due to a lack of determination on the part of the coordinators and volunteers. It couldn't be from a lack of dedication by the Red Cross. It's unlikely that no form of publicity reached you at least once. Why then, in the McGill community of 30 000 was it unreasonable to expect 3000 healthy, eager donors? A humble expectation that ten per cent of you would do it (take the plunge, so to speak) and only six per cent turned out. I realize that there are many legitimate reasons that *some* people can not give — but as for the rest, all I see is apathy. What does it take to incite a sense of *community*? What does it take to incite a sense of *humanity*? *Compassion*? What does it take to get you to go *try* it?

In previous years, the emphasis of the blood drive has been what you could win by donating blood. The emphasis this year was what you could *do* by donating blood. — save someone's life! This is not say that there

was no material gains: we had free food, prizes, CD's, records, tapes plus a plethora of grand prizes. But these are gifts of appreciation, not coercion. Wouldn't bribing donors be along the same lines as buying blood, on a per pint basis, as they do in the United States?

I wish to express my deepest gratitude to the 1894 people out there who took the 40 minutes to perform the simple task of donating one pint of blood, and thanks to the many who tried but could not. A simple task which in turn performs the fantastic feat of saving up to 5 lives! Thanks to these 1894 people, possibly 9400 human lives may be saved.

Some food for thought:

-the Red Cross is a Canada-wide, non-profit, community service organization. *They* do not pay you to donate blood, and *you* do not pay them to receive it.

-You cannot get A.I.D.S. by giving blood.

-There is a 97.6 per cent probability that you will need a blood transfusion by the age of 72 years.

Finally: If you won't give, *who* will? Someone's counting on you!

LETTERS

Bounds of speech

To the Daily:

Re: April Cohen's article: "Daily promotes censorship."

Attention students of McGill: "We think April Cohen should be savagely beaten and killed and, you will probably get away with it."

Does this unnerve you, April?

Similar expressions in the *Communiqué* and elsewhere unnerve us in the same way. Will you so assuredly defend to the death our advocacy of putting you to death? Or, will the high and mighty tone of your voice waver? We believe hate literature is harmful and as such should define the bounds of Freedom of Speech.

Satirically yours,

Suzanne Stein
member of Women's Union
Arts U3
Charles Weijer

member of LBG

Philosophy U3

Voltaire — long dead

Societal impotence

To the Daily:

The October 23rd article, "Women demand..." concerns me for several reasons. The authors describe the growing force of women in the face of societal impotence, and so may be justified, perhaps, for reducing the presence of male marchers to an elusive "several male supporters." The gloss may not have caught my attention at all if I hadn't myself been at the march, and hadn't been at that time studiously observing the attendance of other men.

Why is it important whether men marched last Tuesday or not? This is not for me an alienation issue, but an issue of process and expression: Sexual

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Mohawk warriors on trial

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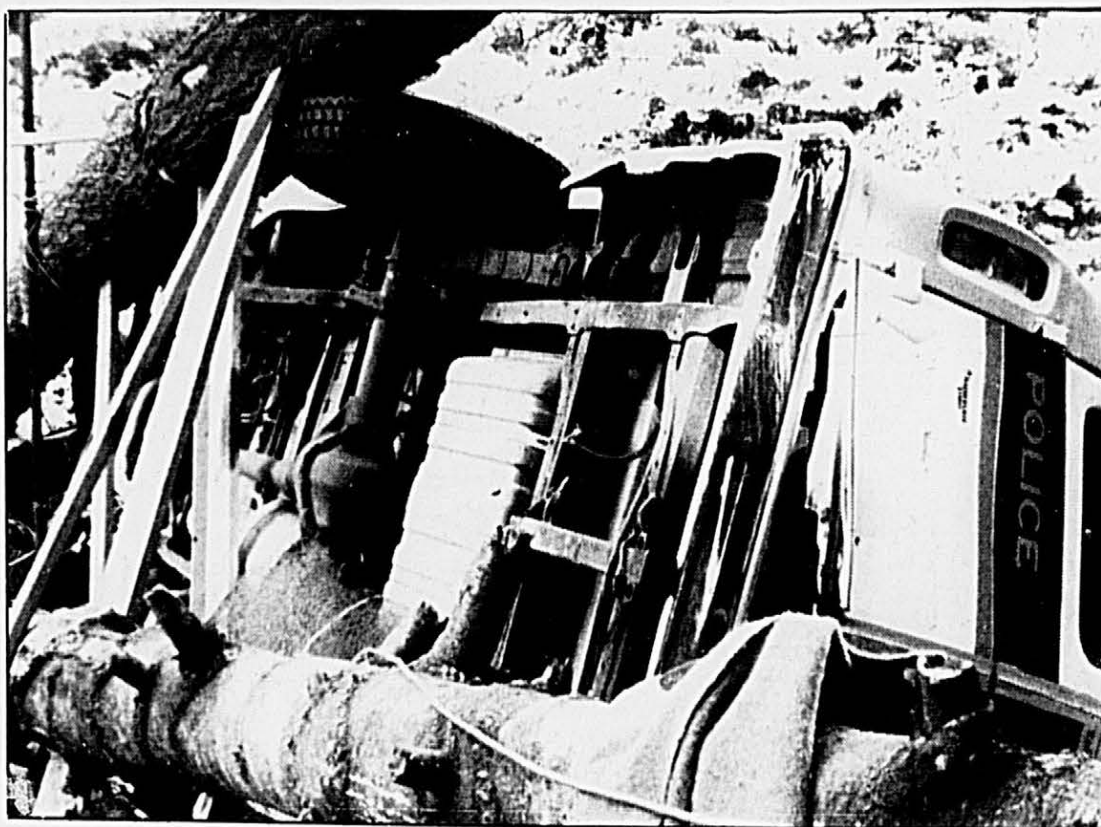
Trials of Mohawk warriors Ron Cross, Gordon Lazore and Roger Lazore began early this week. The three are facing a total of 59 charges, including mischief and assaulting a police officer.

"The Crown is trying to prove that the defendants are merely criminals and that this is not a political issue," says a statement prepared by the Mohawk Nation News Service.

In his opening statement Crown prosecutor François Brière declared he "will prove that the three accused acted as criminals against everybody."

The jury selected for the trial consists of 10 white anglophones.

Within the court room the issue revolved around "evidence" and "facts". The "Mohawk or SQ Crisis" as a political issue has yet to be addressed.



The first witnesses to testify for the prosecution included Evelyn Diabo of Kahnawake, George Martin and Gerry Etienne of Kanehsatake. They testified that they and their property were attacked by the defendants during July and August 1990. The defence brought out a number of inconsistencies and contradictions

in the testimony of the witnesses.

The News Service Report encouraged "Mohawk supporters and people to monitor the trials on a daily basis." It also stated that "Mohawks must ensure that the real issues are exposed."

In Kahnawake Territory, "daily incidents of police attacking Mo-

hawk citizens [still occur]," said Mohawk spokesperson Dale Dione.

"Thursday night at 1:30 a.m., a Mohawk man was chased and arrested by the RCMP and taken to Parthenais' Prison in Montreal," said the report. When a crowd gathered and "Chief Peggy Mayo tried to speak to the RCMP, the officer pulled a gun on her."

Another incident occurred on Oct. 21 where "three women were followed off the territory by SQ, stopped and physically frisked, for no reason" stated the News Report.

According to Mohawk Kakwirakeron, "these incidents are definitely related to the trials of Cross-Lazore-Lazore." He believes that these incidents cause witnesses to remain indoors and absent from the trials.

Legal fund for First Nations

By Jeremy Dolgin

An international legal aid fund committed to raising money and awareness for native social justice has recently formed in Montréal.

The defence fund was created 18 months ago in the wake of the murder of Brazilian native rubber tapper Chico Mendes, and the Oka crisis. Organizers of the International Human Rights and Legal Aid Fund For First Nations hope to raise money to contribute to the legal battles waged by First Nations around the world.

Chengiah Ragavan, founder of the Legal Aid Fund, said the development of this kind of organization is vital.

"Our concern is that the native people's land has been taken, and we built an entire civilization on it," Ragavan, a Concordia sociology prof explained. "Globally, there are two hundred million native people and they live in fourth world conditions."

The organizers of the Fund want to document abuses of indigenous people and set up resource centres to educate people about native issues. They also intend to pressure governments and support First Nations' land claims.

Because powerful international companies have an interest in continuing to pillage native lands, Ragavan said using the court systems is the only option open to indigenous people. But the "inherent racism in the western legal culture" makes this difficult, he added.

According to Charles Small, a PHD student visiting McGill from Oxford, the Legal Defence Fund will educate people about the "historical responsibility of [native's] plight."

Small said that we need only look around McGill to see examples of a genocidal, colonialist legacy. He pointed to the Redpath library, built on funds earned through the slavery and exploitation of indigenous people's by the Redpath Sugar company.

Organizers of the Fund hope to "raise global awareness of indigenous people's holistic view of the world," Small said. "When you look at the state of the environment, I believe that everyone will benefit by understanding their world view."

The Legal Defence Fund was based on the successes of the International Defence and Aid Fund for South Africa (IDAFSA). IDAFSA raised money internationally, smuggled it in to South Africa, and used it for the defense of more than thirty thousand political prisoners. Ragavan was an active participant in IDAFSA's various activities.

The Legal Defence Fund will be holding a fundraising lunch at the Taj restaurant on Saturday November 16th at 12:30. Tickets will be \$15. For information contact Victoria 528-8361

NEWS BRIEFS

Council opposes Dentistry closure

Council passed a motion opposing the university's plan to close the Faculty of Dentistry last Thursday. The motion cited the lack of sufficient financial analysis in the closure proposal.

VP University Affairs Rosalind Ward-Smith also said standards demanding both teaching and research were unfairly applied in the university's proposal to close the faculty.

An ad-hoc committee to mobilize students against the closure was struck.

Students' Society budget passes

Council passed this year's Students' Society budget unamended last Thursday.

Members of the McGill Folk Music Society lobbied unsuccessfully for a budget increase of \$170. The money would have been used to pay the rent for meeting space at the Yellow Door. Council suggested that they either have their members pay the rent (\$55 per

month) or use free space in the Union Building.

More on McGerricle

President Scott Mitic informed Council about possible arbitration with the university over the firing of Don McGerricle. He said he would know more at the next Council meeting. Mitic also apologized for being unable to pursue the matter, saying that Students' Society's legal counsel was unavailable last week.

Mitic had stated at a previous meeting of Council that Students' Society could not sue the university because it was not incorporated.

Council lost more than expected

VP Finance Lev Bukhman said that last year's Council lost \$219 000. He promised that this year's Students' Society would be "more conservative."

Bukhman cautioned that Students' Society could be headed for "bankruptcy, trusteeship, and the

end of Students' Society as we know it" if it posts a deficit this year. He explained that the Society's Capital Equipment Reserve Fund (CERF) is down to "a mere few thousand dollars," down from \$500 000 a few years ago. \$45 000 will be added to CERF this year to bring it up to a more acceptable level.

Among the highlights of last year's fiasco: a \$20 000 loss for Sadie's and huge overruns in the Society Activities budget, which included Network and Students' Society publications.

Health Plan

Council voted to create a committee to campaign in favour of the proposed Student Health Plan. VP Finance Lev Bukhman will chair the committee, which has a budget of \$300.

In response to a question, Bukhman stated that students could opt out of all but 50 cents a month of the plan, which covers accident insurance.

New electoral regulations

Council also passed new electoral regulations. The new limit for all executive campaign budgets will be \$300. Invisible expenses such as typesetting on a personal computer must now be included in a candidate's budget.



Karla MacDonald

Kiosk: a fab place

VP External Karla MacDonald encouraged executives to staff the kiosk more often. She described it as a "wonderful place" and said that executives do not spend enough time there.

CORRECTIONS:

In "McGill researchers discover pain in the brain," published in the Tuesday October 15 issue of the *Daily*, the researchers responsible for the discovery were not named. Neuroscience student Jeanne Talbot was the author of the research paper which was first published as an article in *Science*. She was a student at Université de Montréal.

In "Students to get free ride" published in the Monday October 7 edition of the *Daily* it was erroneously reported that organizers of the Drive-Safe service had already written letters to the Principal and the Dean of Students. The letters had then not been written. The *Daily* regrets the error.

Writers old and new, come to Union B-03 today at 15h00 for a seminar on news writing given by the famous Albert Nerenberg

CUP Reform Committee meets today at 16h30, Union B-03. Be a part of the action as we step into a new era of Canadian press

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presence of both sexes has tremendous bearing on the expression of societal failings.

It is enough that women's issues are marginalized by mainstream culture. By downplaying men's role in the prevention of sexual assault and defining sexual assault as a women's issue, marginalization not only becomes the necessary condition of the act but also its resolution. This should not and must not be so when most assailants are male and the greatest societal resistance comes not from women, but from men.

David Grosskopf
U2 Oberlin College

Québec's individuality

To the Daily:

I think it is about time that we put the term "Distinct Society" to rest. Excess of anything is bad. This issue of Québec's individuality has been blown out of proportion. As I understand it we are all different and yet we are all the same. No two individuals or societies are identical. In that sense, we all have our sense of unique identity, be it because of our cultural or national or ethnic background. Given that, no society is any more different than any other.

In other words, if one society is different from another then the other must be different from it. So if one is unique and distinct, the other must be unique and distinct too. On the other hand, we all belong to the same human race. So on matter how different we may claim to be, we are all alike. We breathe the same air, have the same bodies and it is the same sun which shines on us. Indeed, this is what the Canadian Charter and even the United Nations Charter recognize when they emphasize that no race or culture has any precedence over any other. There is really no reason to make an issue of this simple fact of life — that is, culturally we are all different and will remain so no matter whether we entrench it in the constitution or not.

Mehdi A. Sallwani
M.A. Admin. & Policy Studies in Education

Looking up

To the Daily:

I read the articles that both you and the *Tribune* wrote about *Looking Up* with a great deal of interest. I happen to read *Looking Up* regularly, and a few things that were said about the magazine perplexed me.

First of all, I question the threat of loss of advertising revenue. I saw the ads inside *Looking Up* and compared them to those found in the *Daily* and the *Tribune*. The only ads that I could find in both genres were for record stores. The ads found in the *Daily* and the *Tribune* were for local businesses. *Looking Up* would never print such localized ads and, in turn, the former would never print the big corporate ads. So how can you lose money to something you never printed in the first place.

Secondly, I question the loss of readership. The school newspapers come out much more frequently than the magazine, which comes out once a month. As well, it is only handed out in the Union building in one or two stacks on the side, while the *Trib* and *Daily* are everywhere on campus. Furthermore, the magazine has absolutely nothing to do with campus life, or anything else which the *Trib* and *Daily* print; it only deals with university afterlife. Finally, why isn't there any fuss over *Campus* magazine, which is distributed at the bookstore for free? Aren't you worried about them either?

I like *Looking Up*. It's useful for job hunting, it's diverse within its content, and it's optimistic for the future. I also like to read the campus papers, too. Then I get a well-rounded picture of campus life. So I really cannot see how banning the magazine is not censorship. Frankly, I believe that it is just that.

Alan Wong
English/Anthro U2

Ed. note: About a third of the ads in *Looking Up* do in fact run in the *Daily* as well. We get ads from larger advertisers through the ad service run by Canadian University Press, which estimates that it lost about \$250 000 in ads last year to the for-profit magazine.

FM disc jockey smoothness

To the Daily:

Re: "Who's Your Campus Voice?" Consider two voices. One of them is new, unfamiliar, but instantly recognizable in its bland, boring, homogenized FM disc jockey smoothness. The other one is a voice we know of old, a distinctively grating, strident and whiny voice, the kind of insectile scolding sound that would result if you endowed Mr. Dressup's little Casey with the distended moral certitude of Reverend Jimmy Swaggart. That's the voice of the *Daily* and the *Tribune*. If there's only room for one voice, I know which one I choose. *Looking Up* must die!

But, "banning free distribution of this magazine on campus is not censorship?" Of course it is. Don't be so coy. Relax, and just be yourselves. Your manifest moral superiority earns you your place as the Conscience of the Campus. If you require a total information monopoly to discharge that duty properly, so be it. After all, this isn't a mere question of principle we're dealing with here. We're talking about advertising revenue.

C. Doerkson
Visiting student, History



A little respect.... "The banana is an important product and deserves to be treated with respect," writes the head of the International Banana Association in a letter criticizing a PBS program that used the yellow fruit to demonstrate how to use a condom.

More than several

To the Daily:

As one of the organizers of Monday's demonstration, I was pleased to see "Women demand patrols, light at interchange" on the first page of Wednesday's edition. However, I think it should be noted that more than just "several male supporters" showed up for the event. When something is finally done to improve security at the Pine-Park interchange this action will be appreciated by both men and women. There is no reason for this male participation to have been devalued.

Jennifer Thomas
The Walk Safe Network

McGill no saint

To the Daily:

Why so cynical, chums? Heaven forbid anyone say anything to disprove the increasingly common (and increasingly annoying) adage that "McGill is just living off of its reputation," especially a publication so disgustingly corporate as *Maclean's* magazine. From your constant harping about how bad McGill is, one begins to wonder A) why you came here in the first place, and B) why you do not just leave and go to Queen's or U of T. Any school that doesn't get a number one ranking from Canada's Most Evil Magazine must be a great place to attend. Notices with (gasp) MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS, omnibenevolent Student's Council reps, hey, maybe even a couple of Dentistry Schools. I know how tough it is, walking around on campus all year, knowing that FAE research went on here, that James McGill was no saint, and that the SSMU raised the rent for the *McGill Daily* by 3.5 Billion per cent (or thereabouts). These are burdens we all must share.

But dudes, there are some kinda neat things about McGill which make it a not bad place to a degree or two. A great engineering faculty. The McGill Centre for Ethics, Medicine and Law. Charles Taylor. The Philosophy of Feminism. A great debating team. Seriously folks, I know McGill is not perfect, but who do you feel is the number one school in Canada? Queen's, the Home of the Sport Hump?

With love.
Andrew Potter
Arts U3

Criticisms whitewashed

To the Daily:

I am writing to express my outrage at the Economics Student Association's stance during the latest kerfuffle involving the Economics department.

True to their form as student greeheads, the ESA has whitewashed all criticisms of the department, ensured that its officers haven't jeopardized their careers as brown-nosing grad students and banking clerks, and has successfully avoided dealing head-on with student concerns.

(1) The ESA president, as far as I know, voted in favour of a departmental motion to condemn the two dissident Economics professors without having her vote approved by either the ESA executive or the larger body of Economics students. Her comments on the condemnation, as reported in the *McGill Daily*, were disgraceful and reflected shameless ignorance of the department's many problems.

(2) The "forum" organized by the ESA to air problems with the department was announced nowhere until the actual day of the event. I read about it only that day in the *Daily* and had already made plans so I couldn't attend. Also, how can students feel free to publicly criticize their professors if they might be reprimanded; why wasn't the forum held with guaranteed privacy from professors?

I have to say it's not a surprise the undergraduate teaching in Economics is so bad. What can undergrads expect if their representatives are more interested in scratching the bellies of their professors than in agitating on behalf of students.

Luke Weldon
Arts U3



Events

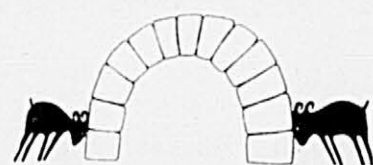
Violence against women is the subject of today's Q-PIRG and Women's Union joint meeting. Topics for discussion will include a safety review of McGill campus, students' concerns and ideas for change. At the Women's Union offices. Union 423. 16h. Info: 844-2650, 398-7432.

The Community Co-operative Development Association meets today. Union 107. 17h

The Red Herring international, splicediferous "Horrible Haiku" contest is waiting for your submissions. The deadline: November 4. For other Ha-Ku stuff, you have until November 11.

All women are welcome to a meeting of the Women's Union. 17h30. Union 426. Info: 284-4262.

"The Public Mind: Image and reality in America: The illusion of news." Presented by Co-opration Now: MIDSA media analysis group. Discussion to follow. Union 302. 19h30. FREE



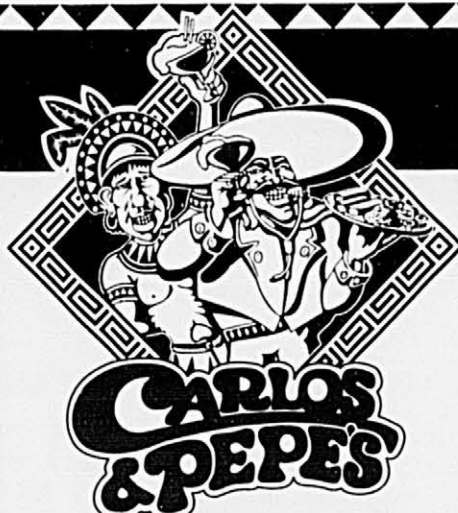
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Iroquois communities oppose toxic waste

by Shannon Aldinger

Iroquois activists are joining forces to end hazardous waste dumping on native land.

Concerned reserve residents are meeting, formally and informally, to formulate strict regulations governing hazardous waste dumping on Cattaraugus, Six Nations and Kahnawake territories.

"Indian reservations are easy prey because we don't have the same regulations as municipalities," Kahnawake Environment Protection Committee coordinator, Eva Johnson, said.

There are four dumping areas currently considered toxic on the Kahnawake reserve, said Johnson.

"One is big enough to house a golf course."

Similar environmental conditions exist on Six Nations territory. Six Nations Against Pollution, a community environmental group that formed three months ago, has already discovered seven land-fills.

"We started hearing reports from people about residents allowing dumping on their property. On one land-fill we found medical waste," Six Nations activist Gloria Bomberry said.

"I don't really think this person knew what he was doing. The waste on his site looks like a combination of demolition and medical waste."

"Worse still is that this property



is located close to a stream that supplies water to much of the territory," Bomberry said.

Medical waste is particularly dangerous because it may carry disease. Johnson said that years ago, body parts were found in medical waste at a Kahnawake landfill.

The absence of effective regulations led to "approximately twenty years of indiscretion," said Johnson.

"Until 1987, there was no control. Hazardous waste dumping was a regular practise."

Kahnawake is the only reserve with explicit regulations on dumping. The reserve only allows inert material such as excavation and clear land fill.

The Kahnawake Environment

Protection Committee worked in conjunction with the US Environmental Protection Agency to develop the regulations, which are a stricter version of Québec's guidelines for solid waste management.

The Six Nations group discovered that their band council had negotiated several dumping contracts. One contract involved secret negotiations with the mayor of North York to dump garbage on reserve land.

"We made sure the negotiations were stopped. Otherwise we wouldn't even have land in ten years," Bomberry said.

The group recently met with Ontario's environment minister in an attempt to encourage the en-

forcement of laws concerning waste transportation.

"If we can get this law enforced, half the problem will be solved because people won't be allowed to bring some types of waste here," said Bomberry.

Bomberry believes native residents are largely unaware of the problems related to dumping.

"A lot of people don't realize how dangerous it is. They think they can just use the waste to level off their property," Bomberry said.

Permission to dump "boils down to economics," said Bomberry. American companies offer residents "large sums of money" in exchange for land for dumping waste because native ter-

ritory is exempt from various federal, provincial and state laws.

"Indians are economically very poor. When in really low income brackets, people will accept exciting sums of money to take in garbage," she said.

In addition to lack of knowledge, Marilyn Bennett, an organizer at Cattaraugus, said she is faced with a lack of concern about dumping hazards on the part of Cattaraugus residents.

"Indians just don't seem to care about the danger. A number of us here think that if we do get organized, we can get people to realize the kind of danger that is here."

Rainforests get support from students

by Jamal Kazi

The First International Student Rainforest Conference brought over 700 students from Canada and the United States to Princeton University last month.

The conference's goal was informing students about the rainforests and expanding an inter-university network of student groups working to save the rainforests.

"The problem is eminently solvable," said Find Finsen, president of Princeton's Rainforest Conservancy student group.

"Once we can show people how they can make a difference, they become very enthusiastic."

Students at McGill's Macdonald campus formed a chapter of Rainforest Conservancy, and organized activities for International Rainforest Week last week. The students circulated a petition addressing the issue of violence in the Amazon, and have also tried to get people to buy sections of a rainforest in Belize to donate to a national park there.

The conference featured over 45 speakers, including Osmario Amancio Rodriguez, a Brazilian rubber tapper union leader.

The 1988 assassination of Chico Mendez, a union leader in Brazil, brought international notoriety to the conflicts over the rainforests. But the Mendez killing may have

diverted international attention away from the other 700 rubber tapper union leaders killed since 1985 by gold prospectors and ranchers who develop the rainforests.

"We must not simply consider saving the forests alone—the world must also think of the people living in them and from them," said Rodriguez.

Since the beginning of the century, the indigenous inhabitants of the Amazon rainforests have also been disappearing. They have died

of diseases introduced by contact with outsiders, and their land has been taken over by oil drilling, mineral extraction, agriculture and forest exploitation.

Similar conflicts affecting indigenous rainforest dwellers are occurring all over the world, speakers at the conference said. Struggles are underway between geothermal developers in Hawaii and the indigenous Pele people, and also between loggers in Malaysia and the Penan people.

"In the end social justice and

ecology are inseparable," said Zeze Weiss, of an Amazon-based network opposed to the violence in the Amazon.

The destruction of the world's tropical rainforests is occurring at the rate of 75 acres a minute or an entire football field every second.

De-forestation may have significant effects on the global climate, participants in the conference learned. Intact forests act as carbon sinks, extracting carbon dioxide, a principal greenhouse gas, from the atmosphere. The destruction of for-

ests is also the second largest source of atmospheric carbon dioxide.

Rainforests cover a mere 6 per cent of the world's surface, but contain 60 per cent of the world's animal and plant species. This gene pool is a potential source of remedies for a variety of diseases.

Rainforest Conservancy can be contacted at P.O. Box 202, Macdonald College, 21, 111 Lakeshore, Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue, PQ, H9X 1C0.

New plastic more enviro-friendly

TORONTO (CUP) A University of Toronto research group has developed a unique type of plastic which may have less of an impact on the environment than conventional plastics.

Conventional plastics — or "polymers" in more precise scientific terms — are petroleum based. An important proportion of the world's non-renewable petroleum supply is currently used in making plastics. But the new polymers are not made from petroleum.

"[The elements which make up the new polymers] are not necessarily renewable in themselves, but they are very abundant," said associate professor Ian Manners, who headed the research group that developed the polymers.

"Our polymers might prove to be renewable. That is, it might be possible to degrade them back to their original elements and use them to make new material."

Conventional polymers are known as "organic" because they contain carbon. The new "inorganic" polymers are made of sulphur, nitrogen and phosphorus, containing no carbon.

Organic carbon-based polymers burn easily, while inorganic polymers are more resistant to high temperatures and are more stable in extreme environments.

Burning organic polymers releases carbon dioxide, contributing to the "greenhouse effect." Many researchers fear that continued ac-

cumulation of atmospheric carbon dioxide will cause global warming and potentially radical climatic changes.

Manners said the new sulphur-based polymers will not pose such risks when they burn. And if the polymers decompose in some other way, it is unlikely they will end up in the food chain.

"It should be possible to make [the new polymers] break down into sulfate, phosphate and ammonia, which are relatively harmless products," Manners said.

The aerospace industry is particularly interested in the new inorganic polymers. Manners suggested the new polymers would

perform better than organic materials when exposed to ultraviolet light and extreme temperatures. "In space, it is crucial to have materials that aren't degraded by radiation," he said.

The automotive industry also has its eye on the new plastics. Some organic polymers are heat tolerant, but they are not suitable for the automotive industry because they are made of the same atoms as gasoline, and are often dissolved.

The new inorganic polymers, by comparison, have "fundamentally different structures" and would not dissolve.

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